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COUNTRY <u>Soviet Zone of Germany</u>	REPORT <u>[REDACTED]</u>
TOPIC <u>Military Information from Magdeburg</u> 25X1	
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1. The radio station in the Magdeburg (M 53/V 60) restricted area was being taken down on 20 March 1950. A change in the occupation of the restricted area was not observed. (3)
2. a. The radio station in the restricted area was removed by 20 March 1950. The Kaelberweide quarter was vacated by Soviet officers' families (3). Some of the houses had been reoccupied by Germans.  
 b. In early April 1950 it was learned that the Soviet women interpreters had been repatriated to the U.S.S.R. (4)  
 c. No changes in the occupation of the Encke Kaserne and the Flak Kaserne were observed between 28 March and 8 April 1950. No preparations for a departure were made.  
 d. The Magdeburg Elbe River bridges were blocked to civilian traffic during the night of 21 April 1950. It was said that troops with tanks, guns and trucks moved across the bridges throughout the night. (2)
3. Flak Kaserne on Zipkeleberweg:
  - a. Gate guards wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia on 20 and 21 April 1950. Twelve AA guns of about 85 mm caliber were in front of a garage. About 10 men were standing at each gun, presumably receiving instructions.
  - b. Five trucks occupied by troops [REDACTED] left the barracks at about 3 p.m. [REDACTED]

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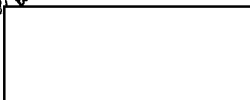
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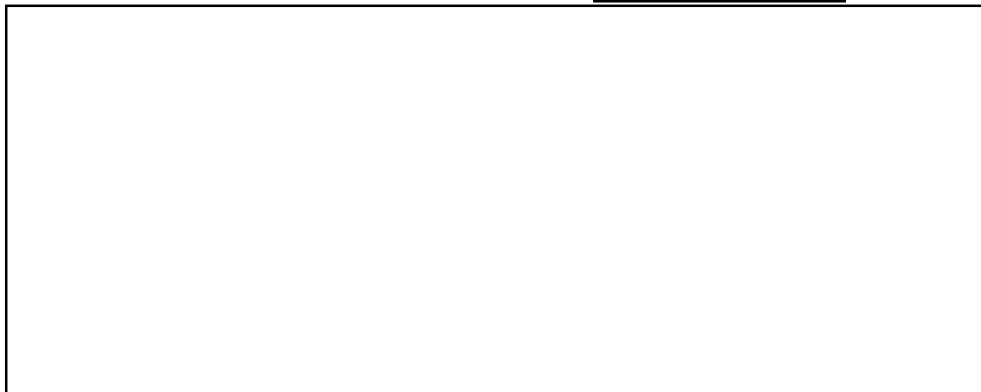
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4. Barracks on Breidscheidtstrasse:

a. Gate guards wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. Twelve guns of about 100 mm caliber were parked in front of the garages. A colonel, a lieutenant colonel and a major, all artillery officers, were in front of the barracks.

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5. Barracks on Herrenkrugstrasse:

Gate guards wore red-bordered black epaulets.

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6. Barracks on Turmschanzenstrasse:

a. Gate guards wore black epaulets with signal insignia.

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A colonel and two majors, all signal officers, walked to the barracks.

b. Twenty-five trucks were parked in the barracks yard.

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7. Encke Kaserne:

Gate guards wore black-bordered red epaulets. Passenger car [redacted] occupied by a colonel, passed through the gate. [redacted]

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8. a. A radio station in Karl Millerstrasse had been removed. It was probably set up again in the area of the Nachrichten Kaserne on Turmschanzenstrasse. The station observed there had six 15-meter-high masts connected with antennae forming two triangles.

b. The restricted area was still off limits. Guards wore black-bordered red epaulets. No motor vehicle traffic was seen. (3)

9. Six light AA guns of 20 to 40 mm caliber were emplaced on the eastern bank of the Elbe River about 150 meters south of the railroad bridge of the Berlin-Magdeburg line. The canvas-covered guns were surrounded by circular mounds of protective earth.

(1) [redacted] Comment: Magdeburg barracks mentioned in the report were still occupied by 20 and 21 April 1950. [redacted]

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[redacted] other Magdeburg barracks are occupied by other Third Shock Army units (army headquarters units and components of the 207th Mtz Rifle Div), according to previous reports [redacted]

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(2) [redacted] Comment: The columns which moved across the Elbe River bridges during the night of 21 April 1950 may have been elements of the mentioned units en route to a troop training grounds. Although the report does not specify which way the columns were heading, the fact that most of the mentioned barracks are east of the Elbe River indicates that the columns were moving west, possibly toward the Letzling Heath.

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[redacted] arrival at the Letzling Heath of troops coming from the direction of Magdeburg after 17 April 1950. (5) It is also possible that the columns belonged to units stationed in military posts east of the Elbe River which moved to the Letzling Heath via Magdeburg.

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- (3) [redacted] Comment: The repeatedly mentioned restricted area borders on Humboldtstrasse, Lennestrasse and Carl von Miller-Strasse. Previous information indicated that a Third Snock Army headquarters signal unit, possibly a component unit of the 105th Sig Regt or of the ? No Indep Sig Bn, may be stationed there. The radio station which was moved from the restricted area to the Nachrichten Kaserne is known from previous reports.

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- (4) [redacted] Comment: A similar report was received on the Strausberg interpreter school. (6)

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